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1 mistreatment by a Boston Police officer?  
 2 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
 3 A. Yes.  
 4 Q. But you didn't report any mistreatment?  
 5 A. I spoke to Lieutenant French.  
 6 Q. But not after each incident?  
 7 A. No.  
 8 MR. ROACH: Can we take a short break?  
 9 MS. TIERNEY: Yes.  
 10 (Recessed at 11:51.)  
 11 (Resumed at 12:02.)  
 12 Q. Officer Horne, have you talked to Officer  
 13 Brito since you filed this suit?  
 14 A. Yes.  
 15 Q. When did you talk to him?  
 16 A. The day that he got deposed by my  
 17 attorney.  
 18 Q. Did you talk to him before or after the  
 19 deposition?  
 20 A. Just afterward.  
 21 Q. After; what did you talk about?  
 22 A. Just how things are going with him, that  
 23 was about it.  
 24 Q. Did he tell you about the deposition?

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1 A. No, he did not.  
 2 Q. Did you ask him about it?  
 3 A. No, I did not.  
 4 Q. You mentioned that ultimately you did  
 5 complain to Lieutenant French about the racial  
 6 tensions within the youth violence strike force;  
 7 when was that?  
 8 MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead.  
 9 A. That was, I believe it was March, March,  
 10 2000, I'm not for sure of the actual date, but we  
 11 spoke to Lieutenant French, especially after a  
 12 meeting that we had had in the youth violence strike  
 13 force.  
 14 Q. Who did you speak -- who was with you when  
 15 you spoke to Lieutenant French?  
 16 A. Just myself and him.  
 17 Q. Just the two of you?  
 18 A. Yes.  
 19 Q. And what did you talk about?  
 20 A. Just, you know, the way the unit was being  
 21 run, you know, the procession of the unit,  
 22 especially, you know, I didn't like the fact that,  
 23 as, you know, I didn't like the fact that what was  
 24 stated at the meeting, and then everything just

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1 basically boiled up into one, and just, you know, I  
 2 told him how the unit was being run, I didn't really  
 3 particularly like.  
 4 Q. Okay. Why don't we backtrack and tell me  
 5 about the meeting that you complained to Lieutenant  
 6 French about, what meeting was that?  
 7 A. A meeting that we had at the gang unit,  
 8 where the lieutenant called all the officers on the  
 9 day shift into a room, a round table room, and began  
 10 to give us a new directive about the unit.  
 11 Q. Who was called into the meeting?  
 12 A. The officers that was working that day.  
 13 Q. Who was there?  
 14 A. Myself, Officer Brito, Officer Gerard  
 15 Bailey, Detective Fratalia, Officer Steven Ridge,  
 16 Officer Brian Albert, Officer Mike DeStefano, and  
 17 Officer Gary Ryan, I believe.  
 18 Q. Was Officer Brown there?  
 19 A. No, he was not.  
 20 Q. And who called the meeting?  
 21 A. Lieutenant French.  
 22 Q. And what did Lieutenant French -- where  
 23 was the meeting held?  
 24 A. At 364 Warren Street.

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1 Q. And what did Lieutenant French say when  
 2 you all got there?  
 3 A. Well, he just gave us new directives, that  
 4 he wanted officers to get back into the schools.  
 5 Q. When you say "get back into the schools,"  
 6 I'm a civilian, I don't really know what that means;  
 7 can you tell me what that means?  
 8 A. Well, our primary focus before, it was  
 9 just mostly the warrant, warrant apprehension on the  
 10 day shift, but he wanted us, the officers to get  
 11 back into the school, so we could, you know, there  
 12 was a lot of violence that was starting to happen in  
 13 the actual schools themselves, you know, like  
 14 Dorchester High, Brighton High, and he wanted us to  
 15 get back into the school system and just see if we  
 16 could alleviate some of the problems.  
 17 Q. What would you do with the schools? What  
 18 would you do with the schools?  
 19 A. Maybe just, you know, walk the halls, you  
 20 know, conversate with some of the students, try to  
 21 get information on what was happening inside the  
 22 schools.  
 23 Q. Would you be in uniform or plain clothes?  
 24 A. Plain clothes.

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1 Q. And was he ordering the officers to go  
2 back into the schools?  
3 A. As the commander, I believe so, you know.  
4 Q. So it wasn't a voluntary assignment?  
5 A. No, he was giving a directive. He was the  
6 commander of the unit.  
7 Q. Okay. And what is it that bothered you  
8 about what was, about the meeting?  
9 MR. ROACH: Let her finish the  
10 question.  
11 Q. What is it that bothered you about the  
12 meeting?  
13 A. The way the officers --  
14 MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead, you  
15 can answer.  
16 A. After he stated to us what he wanted us to  
17 do as from the commander, other officers began to  
18 speak negatively about it, you know, they didn't  
19 want to go to the schools, they got tired of dealing  
20 with kids from Dorchester High, you know, dealing  
21 with them, going into their houses, you know, where  
22 the houses were full of roaches. Ummm, you know,  
23 other officers began to speak negative about, you  
24 know, the black officers that were assigned, you

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1 know, What the hell are they doing.  
2 You know, actually, it was actually  
3 Gerard, Gerard Bailey who actually spoke that, you  
4 know, he stated, What the -- basically, excuse my  
5 French -- What the fuck are those officers doing;  
6 you know, it was two minority officers that was  
7 assigned to the schools at that time, only two.  
8 Q. And who were those officers?  
9 A. Officer Teto Witherton and Eric Braxton, I  
10 believe, detective, I believe, Eric Braxton.  
11 Q. If I've understood you correctly, you said  
12 a few of the officers spoke about how they didn't  
13 want to do it, who spoke and who said what?  
14 MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead.  
15 A. Officer, now Sergeant Detective, Gerard  
16 Bailey spoke about, you know, how he had taken his  
17 daughter to a parent information conference, and I  
18 guess some, another youth asked him about the  
19 Dorchester High, he responded like, I wouldn't, you  
20 know, you know, I would -- well, actually, only,  
21 only rapists, murderers, you know, people who commit  
22 violent crimes go to the school, you know, which I  
23 knew that to be untrue.  
24 Q. But they were having a lot problems at

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1 Dorchester High at that time?  
2 A. Yes, they were, but every student up there  
3 is not a rapist or murderer.  
4 Q. Did anybody else say anything?  
5 A. There was Detective Fratalia.  
6 Q. What did he say?  
7 A. He began to speak negatively about, you  
8 know, you know, What the hell are them two minority  
9 officers up there doing. And, you know, he stated  
10 that, you know, basically, I wouldn't even send my  
11 dog to Dorchester High because it was so bad. I was  
12 like, wow, you know, I didn't, I didn't appreciate  
13 that comment. You know, like I said, you know, to  
14 say something like that, you know, only to know that  
15 there were other students who are a little bit  
16 bright up there, you know, everybody wasn't bad. I  
17 mean, I didn't think that comment was totally  
18 inappropriate.  
19 Q. But the purpose of the meeting was that  
20 Lieutenant French was assigning officers to  
21 Dorchester High?  
22 A. Yes, which they, they didn't, they didn't  
23 want to go back into the schools. You know,  
24 basically, there was a lot of, you know, everybody

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1 was stating that we wanted to stay to, you know, the  
2 assignment at hand, which was just looking for the  
3 individuals wanted for warrants, and stuff like  
4 that.  
5 Q. But they had to go; right?  
6 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
7 A. They was supposed to go.  
8 Q. Okay. Well, it's a paramilitary  
9 organization, the Boston Police Department; isn't  
10 it?  
11 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
12 A. Yes, it is.  
13 Q. And you obey the rules as an officer;  
14 right?  
15 A. Supposed to obey the rules.  
16 Q. Supposed to, okay. So based on this  
17 meeting, you, yourself, went to go see Lieutenant  
18 French?  
19 A. Yes, I did.  
20 Q. And what did Lieutenant French say to you  
21 after you complained?  
22 A. After complaining to him, and he said he'd  
23 speak to all the officers, which he had a little  
24 meeting with myself, Officer Brown, Officer Brito,

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1 and we had a little chat with Sergeant Bulman on,  
2 you know, you know, we basically laid out our  
3 dislikes about the unit and what we was doing.

4 Q. And where was this meeting held?

5 A. At 364 Warren Street, gang unit.

6 Q. Was it in Gary French's office or --

7 A. It was in one of the offices right beside  
8 the, inside the gang unit, it was a little office,  
9 but it was inside the gang unit.

10 Q. Okay. And who was at this meeting?

11 A. Lieutenant French, Sergeant Detective  
12 Bulman, and myself, Officer Brown, Officer Brito.

13 Q. Just the five of you?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. How long did the meeting last?

16 A. I don't recall the time line.

17 Q. And what did Lieutenant French say?

18 A. You know, due to our concerns, he would  
19 take it up to the higher-ups, or take it to, you  
20 know, to the command staff, I believe.

21 Q. Lieutenant French said he was going to  
22 take it to the command staff?

23 MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead.

24 A. Well, he would, well, take it to

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1 individuals at headquarters. I'm going to assume he  
2 spoke to the superintendent at the time and the  
3 captain that was assigned over the gang unit, I  
4 mean, special operations at the time.

5 Q. And which captain was that?

6 A. I believe it was O'Rourke.

7 Q. And which superintendent?

8 A. I think it was Deputy Superintendent Dowd.

9 Q. And how did you feel at the end of that  
10 meeting?

11 A. Well, hopefully, you know --

12 MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead.

13 A. Listening to that, hopefully, you know, if  
14 it was brought to light what was happening in the  
15 unit that, you know, something would be done to, you  
16 know, stop all the, you know, the things that were  
17 happening in the unit that I observed.

18 Q. Did you feel like Lieutenant French was  
19 going to do something about it?

20 MR. ROACH: Objection.

21 A. Yes, I did.

22 Q. And what happened next; was there another  
23 meeting?

24 A. Yes, there were other meetings, yes.

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1 Q. Tell me about the next meeting.

2 A. I believe the next meeting was at American  
3 Legion Highway, the American Legion Post on American  
4 Legion Highway.

5 Q. That was the next time that you spoke with  
6 Lieutenant French about the racial tension?

7 A. Well, that was --

8 MR. ROACH: Wait until she finishes  
9 the question, then pause, and then answer the  
10 question, so the stenographer doesn't mess up the  
11 transcript. Sorry, go ahead.

12 Q. Was that the next time you spoke with  
13 Lieutenant French about the racial tensions in the  
14 gang unit?

15 A. No, I spoke with him on other instances,  
16 to Lieutenant French.

17 Q. Can you tell me about each instance that  
18 you spoke with him about the racial tensions in the  
19 unit, not each time you spoke with him?

20 A. Okay. Yes, I, actually, like I said, I  
21 spoke to him about the comments in that meeting with  
22 Fratalia, Detective Fratalia.

23 Q. Were there any other meetings?

24 MR. ROACH: Meetings or times he spoke

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1 to Lieutenant French?

2 MS. TIERNEY: Meetings that he spoke  
3 with Lieutenant French about the tensions in the  
4 youth violence strike force.

5 MR. ROACH: Go ahead.

6 A. No, I can't recall at this time, but I  
7 believe Lieutenant French went to the department  
8 heads --

9 MR. ROACH: No, the question is  
10 whether you, any other times you spoke to Lieutenant  
11 French about this.

12 A. Not that I recall at this time.

13 Q. After you spoke with Lieutenant French did  
14 you talk to any of the other minority officers in  
15 the unit?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And when was that?

18 A. After the meeting, the meeting with all  
19 the officers, the white officers, and myself, and  
20 Officer Brito.

21 Q. There was a meeting with all the white  
22 officers and Officer Brito?

23 A. No, no, the meeting where Lieutenant  
24 French was overseeing, after that meeting, that's

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1 when I spoke to the other minority officers.  
 2 Q. Who did you speak to?  
 3 A. I spoke to Officer Dave Singletary and  
 4 Neva Grice.  
 5 Q. And what did you say to them?  
 6 A. I told him what had transpired at this  
 7 meeting, you know, I voiced my opinion, that, you  
 8 know, that what was going on in the unit shouldn't  
 9 have been happening.  
 10 Q. Did you meet with any other minority  
 11 officers about it?  
 12 A. No, that was the only two at the time.  
 13 Q. Did there come a time when you met with  
 14 Greg Brown and Vance Mills?  
 15 MR. ROACH: Objection. Can you give  
 16 me a time line; ever or at this time?  
 17 MS. TIERNEY: Well, obviously, not  
 18 ever, Steve.  
 19 Q. Did there come a time after speaking with  
 20 Lieutenant French about your concerns, your racial  
 21 concerns within the youth violence strike force that  
 22 you spoke to Vance Mills and Greg Brown?  
 23 A. Well, we spoke at another meeting with  
 24 Superintendent Joyce, Deputy Superintendent at the

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1 time, Joyce, and we was all, you know, speaking, and  
 2 we spoke -- actually, he spoke to us, we didn't  
 3 really speak to him.  
 4 Q. Where was this?  
 5 A. At the gang unit.  
 6 Q. Where in the gang unit?  
 7 A. In the big room, it was the bigger, ah,  
 8 I'll just say the room, the big room in the gang  
 9 unit, it was just a room.  
 10 Q. Was this meeting planned or?  
 11 A. Not that know of; I don't believe it was  
 12 planned. He just came in and took it upon himself  
 13 to have this meeting.  
 14 Q. And who was in the room?  
 15 A. Myself, Greg Brown, Vance Mills, Dave  
 16 Singletary, Neva Grice, and it might have been other  
 17 officers, but right now them are the only officers I  
 18 can recall at this time.  
 19 Q. And what did Superintendent Joyce say?  
 20 A. What did he say; he really didn't say  
 21 anything relevant to what was going to be done. He  
 22 basically just stated that how he's not going to let  
 23 anybody destroy this gang unit.  
 24 Q. Did you say anything to Superintendent

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1 Joyce?  
 2 A. No, I did not.  
 3 Q. Did any of the officers say anything to  
 4 Superintendent Joyce?  
 5 A. I don't recall anybody else saying  
 6 anything too much. He just basically was saying,  
 7 you know, he talked about officers, I mean, himself  
 8 and other officers who basically created the unit,  
 9 and he just kept on going on that he was not going  
 10 to let any officers destroy the unit, you know,  
 11 taking a look at me, basically, he was looking at me  
 12 when he directed his comments at me.  
 13 Q. He looked at you when he was making his  
 14 comments?  
 15 A. Yes, he looked directly at me.  
 16 Q. How long did Superintendent Joyce speak?  
 17 A. I can't recall how long it was.  
 18 Q. Longer than a half hour?  
 19 A. It might have been a half hour long.  
 20 Q. Did you talk to Lieutenant French after  
 21 Superintendent Joyce spoke with you?  
 22 A. No, I didn't.  
 23 Q. Do you know about a meeting with all, that  
 24 Officer Singletary called with all the minority

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1 officers?  
 2 A. Yes, I know about it, but I wasn't there.  
 3 Q. You weren't present at that meeting?  
 4 A. No.  
 5 Q. Did there come a time when you spoke with  
 6 Lieutenant French again after your meeting with  
 7 Superintendent Joyce?  
 8 A. No, I can't recall another meeting.  
 9 Q. Do you know if Officers Greg Brown and  
 10 Vance Mills went to Lieutenant French?  
 11 A. I believe they did, yes.  
 12 Q. But you weren't present at that meeting?  
 13 A. No, I was not.  
 14 Q. What was the next time there was a meeting  
 15 within the youth violence strike force to talk about  
 16 the racial tensions?  
 17 MR. ROACH: Objection. I don't know  
 18 if you're jumping around. Are you talking about --  
 19 MS. TIERNEY: After the meeting that  
 20 he had with Lieutenant French, when is the next time  
 21 that there is a meeting within the youth violence  
 22 strike force that you were present at to talk about  
 23 racial tensions within the unit.  
 24 MR. ROACH: Objection.

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1 A. That was at the American Legion Post.  
 2 Q. And when was that meeting?  
 3 A. I cannot recall the actual time line on  
 4 that.  
 5 Q. Early 2000?  
 6 A. It could have been, yes.  
 7 Q. Now, how did that meeting come about, if  
 8 you know?  
 9 A. As far as I know, it was Lieutenant French  
 10 had spoke to the command staff and brought this  
 11 meeting together.  
 12 Q. Was the --  
 13 A. As far as I know.  
 14 Q. Were you -- were the officers in the youth  
 15 violence strike force, if you know, ordered to  
 16 attend that meeting?  
 17 A. Yes, everybody was ordered to attend, even  
 18 the night shift officers.  
 19 Q. Was everybody at the meeting?  
 20 A. Yes, that I recall seeing everybody, yes.  
 21 Q. What sergeants were present?  
 22 A. That I can recall, I believe all the  
 23 supervisors were there, I'm not for sure, though.  
 24 Q. What lieutenants were there?

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1 A. I know Lieutenant French was there.  
 2 Q. Was Foley there?  
 3 A. Unknown at this time.  
 4 Q. Was Deputy Dowd there?  
 5 A. Unknown.  
 6 Q. I'm sorry?  
 7 A. I don't know.  
 8 Q. Oh, you don't know?  
 9 A. No, I don't know.  
 10 Q. What time did the meeting begin?  
 11 A. It was early in the morning, I believe,  
 12 like maybe 9 or 10, somewhere around there.  
 13 Q. Who led the meeting?  
 14 A. Who started it off?  
 15 Q. Yes.  
 16 A. I believe it was Lieutenant Gary French.  
 17 Q. And what did Lieutenant Gary French say?  
 18 A. I can't recall this conversation at this  
 19 time.  
 20 Q. Do you remember the substance of what his  
 21 conversation was?  
 22 A. Yes, everything that was happening within  
 23 the unit.  
 24 Q. "Everything," what do you mean by

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1 "everything"?  
 2 A. The racism, basically, you know, or the  
 3 lack of respect for blacks or the lack of respect of  
 4 black officers.  
 5 Q. That's what Lieutenant French said?  
 6 A. Well, that was the substance, that's not  
 7 what he said. I'm just saying, you asked me what  
 8 was the substance of the meeting.  
 9 Q. Okay. Did he give specific examples?  
 10 A. I can't recall specific examples.  
 11 Q. Okay. Do you know if he gave any specific  
 12 examples?  
 13 A. He didn't give any, no.  
 14 Q. Okay. Did anyone else speak?  
 15 A. Yes, a whole bunch of officers spoke.  
 16 Q. Okay. Who spoke?  
 17 A. Officer Craig Jones.  
 18 Q. What did he say?  
 19 A. He spoke about, you know, how he didn't  
 20 like the fact that a white officer had, you know,  
 21 wore a T-shirt depicting the Diallo case, where the  
 22 Haitian male in New York had been sodomized, and a  
 23 white officer had worn it to the gang unit; he  
 24 thought it was totally inappropriate.

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1 Q. That T-shirt wearing incident, the Diallo  
 2 T-shirt incident, that was about a year before the  
 3 Police Post meeting; wasn't it?  
 4 A. I don't recall the time line.  
 5 Q. Do you recall Scotty Gillis talking at  
 6 that meeting?  
 7 A. I don't recall Scotty Gillis speaking at  
 8 that meeting.  
 9 Q. Do you remember him clearing it up with  
 10 Craig Jones and apologizing?  
 11 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
 12 A. He might have, but I can't recall.  
 13 Q. Who else spoke?  
 14 A. I believe Officer Vance Mills, he spoke  
 15 about the, you know, the boards at the unit.  
 16 Q. What's a board?  
 17 A. The boards, which had mostly all the  
 18 minorities that was wanted.  
 19 Q. The wanted posters?  
 20 A. Yes.  
 21 Q. Okay. And what did Vance Mills say about  
 22 the wanted posters?  
 23 A. Officer Mills brought up the fact that  
 24 only, it was only, it was only minority suspects up

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1 there, there was no whites, you know, no white  
2 suspects on this board.

3 Q. Did anybody respond?

4 A. Not that I recall, no.

5 Q. Lieutenant French didn't say anything in  
6 response to that?

7 A. I don't recall Lieutenant French speaking  
8 about that, no.

9 Q. How long did Vance Mills speak?

10 A. He spoke a few minutes.

11 Q. Did anyone else speak?

12 A. Larry Celeste.

13 Q. What did Larry Celeste say?

14 A. Larry Celeste spoke about officers, you  
15 know, just basically violating blacks civil rights,  
16 as he stated in the meeting.

17 Q. Black citizens?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How long did he speak?

20 A. Maybe a few minutes.

21 Q. Did anyone respond?

22 A. Not that I can recall at this time.

23 Q. Anyone else speak?

24 MR. ROACH: Objection. That he can

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1 recall?

2 MS. TIERNEY: Well, I think that goes  
3 without saying.

4 A. Maybe a few other people, you know, stated  
5 something, but I can't recall every instance that  
6 everybody spoke.

7 Q. Officer Horne, did you speak at the  
8 meeting?

9 A. No, I did not.

10 Q. Why not?

11 A. Because, you know, just, you know,  
12 basically, I, I was scared.

13 Q. Why were you scared?

14 A. Because of the fact that, you know, I was  
15 the outspoken one, you know, I, basically, I didn't  
16 hold my voice on some of the issues that was  
17 happening in the unit.

18 Q. I'm sorry, can you repeat that?

19 A. I spoke out about a lot of the issues that  
20 were happening in the unit, and I knew a lot of the  
21 white officers didn't, didn't like me at the time.

22 Q. Is it fair to say that as a result of you  
23 speaking to Lieutenant French about your racial  
24 concerns --

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Let me finish -- in the youth violence  
3 strike force, that that led to the Police Post  
4 meeting; is that true?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. But you chose not to speak at the Police  
7 Post meeting?

8 A. I didn't, no, I didn't speak.

9 Q. Do you remember anybody talking about the,  
10 about Bobby Fratalia's comment that he wouldn't send  
11 his dog to Dorchester High?

12 A. Officer Dave Singletary brought that up,  
13 yes.

14 Q. Okay. And what did Officer Singletary  
15 say?

16 A. You know, he, because, officer -- I had  
17 spoken to Officer Singletary about that meeting,  
18 and, you know, he brought it up, and Officer Grice  
19 actually, now that I can recall, Officer Grice said  
20 something, too, that they thought it was totally  
21 inappropriate, being that them two worked in the  
22 school system, and they knew the fact that a lot of  
23 the students up there weren't all rapists and  
24 murderers and everything else that was commented on

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1 in that previous meeting.

2 Q. Did Bobby Fratalia speak at this meeting?

3 MR. ROACH: Objection. Oh, American  
4 Legion, I'm sorry.

5 A. I can't recall at this time.

6 Q. Do you remember having a conversation, you  
7 and Bobby Fratalia, in the locker room about his  
8 comment about he wouldn't send his dog to Dorchester  
9 High?

10 MR. ROACH: Objection.

11 A. I can't recall, no.

12 Q. You don't remember Bobby Fratalia  
13 apologizing and saying he didn't mean anything  
14 racial by that comment to you?

15 A. No.

16 Q. How long did the meeting last at the  
17 Police Post?

18 A. At the Police Post, I don't know, actually  
19 know the time line, but it was in the afternoon when  
20 it was, afternoon when it was over.

21 Q. Do you recall any white officers speaking  
22 at the Police Post?

23 A. Uhhh, no, I can't recall any white  
24 officers.



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1 Q. How did the meeting end?  
 2 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
 3 A. It just basically ended, you know, a few  
 4 speakers, and that was it. I mean, I don't recall  
 5 directly how it ended, but it just ended and  
 6 everybody went home or went to doing what they was  
 7 normally doing.  
 8 Q. Did anybody at the meeting -- well, did  
 9 Lieutenant -- do you know if Lieutenant French spoke  
 10 about having follow-up?  
 11 A. I believe, yes, we was going to have a  
 12 follow-up meeting, and I believe that was at the  
 13 Park Street, Park Street meeting.  
 14 Q. You're referring to the meeting that took  
 15 place at the Park Plaza?  
 16 A. Yes.  
 17 Q. Wasn't that meeting as a result of  
 18 Lieutenant Foley taking command of the youth  
 19 violence strike force?  
 20 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
 21 A. I don't recall that, no.  
 22 Q. Lieutenant French wasn't at the Park Plaza  
 23 meeting; was he?  
 24 MR. ROACH: Objection.

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1 A. I cannot recall actually who was there and  
 2 who was not there as commanders.  
 3 Q. Do you remember how much time elapsed  
 4 between the Police Post meeting and the Park Plaza  
 5 meeting?  
 6 A. I cannot recall.  
 7 Q. Less than six months?  
 8 A. It might have been; I'm not for sure.  
 9 Q. You don't know, okay. Was it in the same  
 10 year?  
 11 A. I believe it was the same year.  
 12 Q. And who was at that meeting?  
 13 A. All the officers assigned to the youth  
 14 violence strike force.  
 15 Q. Anyone else?  
 16 A. Yes, Leonard Atkins from the NAACP, they  
 17 had Officer Greg Matthews, who was assigned to Area  
 18 B2, he was a representative of the Nation of Islam;  
 19 you had probation officers and other members of the  
 20 command staff.  
 21 Q. Do you remember specifically which members  
 22 of the command staff were there?  
 23 A. I believe it was Superintendent Johnson, I  
 24 believe it was.

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1 Q. Was he the only one you remember?  
 2 A. Command staff wise, yes, but that's the  
 3 only one I can recall.  
 4 Q. There may have been others there?  
 5 A. There might have been others, but I can't  
 6 recall at this time.  
 7 Q. Do you remember if Police Commissioner  
 8 Paul Evans was there?  
 9 A. No, he was not there. I don't remember  
 10 him speaking.  
 11 Q. Did every member that was there speak?  
 12 A. Not that I can recall, no.  
 13 Q. What's discussed at this meeting at the  
 14 Park Plaza? What was discussed at the meeting at  
 15 the Park Plaza?  
 16 A. Just, you know, some of the individuals  
 17 just brought up about incidents, just about, you  
 18 know, what we do in the community. Basically, I  
 19 mean, it wasn't really none to, that was pointed in  
 20 the direction of what was happening in the unit.  
 21 Q. Do you remember who ran the meeting?  
 22 A. No, I do not.  
 23 Q. Do you remember Lieutenant Foley speaking?  
 24 A. No, I don't.

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1 Q. Who do you remember speaking?  
 2 A. Leonard Atkins from the NAACP,  
 3 Superintendent Johnson, and Officer Greg Matthews.  
 4 Q. Those are the only individuals?  
 5 A. Those are really the only speakers that I  
 6 remember.  
 7 Q. Do you know if there were other speakers?  
 8 A. Could have been.  
 9 Q. And what was the substance of the meeting?  
 10 A. Like I said, you know, how the minority  
 11 community is being treated.  
 12 Q. Did you speak at this meeting?  
 13 A. No, I did not.  
 14 Q. Did any of the officers within the youth  
 15 violence strike force speak at this meeting?  
 16 A. Not that I can recall.  
 17 Q. Do you know what the point of the meeting  
 18 was?  
 19 MR. ROACH: Objection. Go ahead.  
 20 A. No, I don't. I guess I thought it was a  
 21 meeting because of what was happening, you know,  
 22 with the youth violence strike force, but I'm not  
 23 for sure what the meeting was really all about.  
 24 MR. ROACH: Can he take another break?

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1 guess or make assumptions. You either know or you  
2 don't know.

3 Q. Do you know?

4 A. No, I do not know.

5 Q. You didn't complain to the Nation of Islam or  
6 the NAACP?

7 A. No, I did not.

8 Q. Did anybody from the command staff speak at  
9 the Park Plaza meeting that you remember?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Who spoke?

12 A. That was Superintendent Johnson.

13 Q. What did Superintendent Johnson talk about?

14 A. He spoke about the racial tension within the  
15 unit and how he was going to try to address the  
16 problem and do what is best for the unit and the  
17 department.

18 Q. Did anybody else from the command staff  
19 speak?

20 A. It could have been, but I just can't remember  
21 at this time.

22 Q. Do you remember if any of the officers within  
23 the Youth Violence Strike Force spoke at this  
24 meeting?

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1 A. It could have been officers that spoke. I  
2 just can't remember at this time.

3 Q. Do you remember anybody else speaking at this  
4 meeting?

5 A. Yes. There were other speakers, but I just  
6 can't remember who the speakers were at this time.

7 Q. Did you speak at this meeting?

8 A. No, I did not.

9 Q. At the close of this meeting did you speak  
10 with any of the minority officers?

11 A. We -- I had conversation with some of the  
12 minority officers at the end of this meeting.

13 Q. Who did you speak with?

14 A. Officer Ron Brown, Adolpho Brito, and some of  
15 the other minority officers that were assigned to  
16 the unit.

17 Q. Do you remember which officers those were?

18 MR. ROACH: Other than the ones he  
19 mentioned?

20 A. Dave Singletary, Neva Grace, Greg Brown,  
21 Vance Mills, Officer Grant Collander, Keith  
22 Israel -- Kenneth Israel. There were others, but I  
23 just can't remember.

24 Q. What did you talk about?

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1 A. We just had general conversation about the  
2 meeting.

3 Q. Did the officers that you spoke with express  
4 an opinion as to how they felt about the meeting?

5 MR. ROACH: Objection.

6 A. They might have expressed an opinion, but I  
7 just can't recall what they expressed at this time.

8 Q. Did you express an opinion about the meeting  
9 at the Park Plaza with the other officers?

10 MR. ROACH: Objection. I just want to

11 ask you, are you talking --

12 MS. TIERNEY: He doesn't seem confused.

13 MR. ROACH: The question is confused.

14 He may not be confused. Are you talking about right  
15 after the meeting that day?

16 MS. TIERNEY: That's what we are talking  
17 about, right after the meeting.

18 MR. ROACH: All right. Go ahead.

19 A. Repeat the question.

20 Q. Right after the meeting did you express an  
21 opinion about the meeting at the Park Plaza?

22 A. I might have expressed --

23 MR. ROACH: Objection.

24 A. -- my opinion about what had happened or what

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1 was spoken about at the meeting. I just can't  
2 recall everything that I spoke about.

3 Q. What was your opinion?

4 A. I don't recall what my opinion was at the  
5 time.

6 Q. Well, were you -- were you upset in any way  
7 about the meeting?

8 MR. ROACH: Objection. I think he  
9 already said he doesn't recall his opinion at the  
10 time.

11 Q. You don't recall your opinion at the time?

12 A. No, I do not.

13 Q. Do you have an opinion now?

14 MR. ROACH: Objection.

15 Go ahead.

16 A. Not at this time. I don't have an opinion,  
17 no.

18 Q. Did you feel as if the department was  
19 attempting to actively resolve the racial tension  
20 within the Youth Violence Strike Force?

21 MR. ROACH: Objection. Are you talking  
22 now or then?

23 MS. TIERNEY: At the meeting.

24 MR. ROACH: Okay.

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1 A. At the Park Plaza meeting --  
 2 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
 3 Go ahead.  
 4 A. -- I think they was trying to make attempts  
 5 to resolve the tension within the unit.  
 6 Q. After the meeting at the Park Plaza, did it  
 7 seem as if the racial tensions within the Youth  
 8 Violence Strike Force were getting better?  
 9 MR. ROACH: Objection. When? Right  
 10 away or over a period of time?  
 11 MS. TIERNEY: The first month.  
 12 Q. Were the racial tensions in the Youth  
 13 Violence Strike Force getting better?  
 14 A. I think things kind of -- it didn't stop.  
 15 There was -- little things subsided, but there  
 16 was -- it still kept going. I mean not really. I  
 17 don't think they really stopped, that the racial  
 18 tension subsided, no. I think actually it might  
 19 have increased a little bit.  
 20 Q. It increased?  
 21 A. Yes.  
 22 Q. How did it increase?  
 23 A. I know -- some of the white officers, I know  
 24 they were not happy that this was brought about.

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1 They looked at me as being an instigator of it all,  
 2 so I felt a little bit more hostility within the  
 3 unit afterwards.  
 4 Q. You said the white officers weren't happy  
 5 that this was brought about?  
 6 A. The meeting.  
 7 Q. Which meeting?  
 8 A. Both meetings.  
 9 Q. Are you referring to the police post and the  
 10 Park Plaza meeting?  
 11 A. Yes.  
 12 Q. Did the white officers ever say this to you?  
 13 A. No.  
 14 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
 15 A. They never say that to me personally.  
 16 Q. Did they say it to anybody?  
 17 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
 18 A. Not that I remember, no.  
 19 Q. Was there a time when you were aware that  
 20 they said that they were unhappy with you?  
 21 A. I have heard comments from other officers  
 22 stating they were not too happy about -- or they had  
 23 displeasure about the meeting where the unit was  
 24 branded as being racist.

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1 Q. Who told you this?  
 2 A. Other minority officers.  
 3 Q. Can you tell me specifically who those  
 4 minority officers are?  
 5 A. I cannot recall who the actual officers were,  
 6 but I remember some of the comments or them stating  
 7 some of the comments that some of the white officers  
 8 had mentioned.  
 9 Q. If you can remember, what were some of the  
 10 comments made by the white officers to the minority  
 11 officers?  
 12 A. Well, I can't recall the actual comments, the  
 13 actual words they used. I mean, I just -- just what  
 14 I -- I know there was some real hostility towards me  
 15 and Officer Brown for -- basically, as they looked  
 16 upon it as initiating -- they thought we was the  
 17 troublemakers of the unit because these meetings  
 18 were initiated on our behalf because we had spoken  
 19 out about the initial meeting with Lieutenant  
 20 French.  
 21 Q. Who were these white officers?  
 22 A. I don't know. I didn't see them speak about  
 23 it. I just heard some of the white officers.  
 24 Q. Did any of these minority officers name these

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1 white officers to you?  
 2 A. I don't recall anybody naming anybody's names  
 3 at this time.  
 4 Q. So it was more a generalized statement that  
 5 white officers are saying that they are unhappy with  
 6 Officers Steven Horne and Greg Brown?  
 7 MR. ROACH: Ron Brown.  
 8 A. Ron Brown, that's correct.  
 9 Q. And you are unable to remember who these  
 10 minority officers that told you this were?  
 11 A. No, I cannot.  
 12 Q. Did this happen -- did these conversations  
 13 happen within the first month after the meeting at  
 14 the Park Plaza?  
 15 A. It happened within the first few weeks.  
 16 Q. The first few weeks?  
 17 A. Yeah.  
 18 Q. Who did you tell -- did you speak to your  
 19 commander, Lieutenant Foley, about this?  
 20 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
 21 Go ahead.  
 22 A. I believe, you know, I had conversation with  
 23 Lieutenant Foley. It could have been Lieutenant  
 24 French. I'm not sure who was actually in charge at

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1 this time. It was kind of going through the  
2 transition where one might have been leaving and the  
3 other was the next in command.

4 Q. So you told Lieutenant Foley or Lieutenant  
5 French?

6 A. I might have expressed some feeling towards,  
7 you know, how the officers had looked upon me as  
8 being the instigator of this whole racial tension  
9 thing; that they assumed, like I say, me and Officer  
10 Brown were the instigators who initiated it, so they  
11 showed a little bit of hostility towards us.

12 Q. When was it that you think you told  
13 Lieutenant French or Lieutenant Foley?

14 A. Maybe a week or so afterwards.

15 Q. A week or so after this was brought to your  
16 attention?

17 A. Yes, but I had felt some of the hostilities  
18 within the unit also from some of the white  
19 officers. We didn't -- when we go out on the  
20 street, we had a squabble in the street and there  
21 were certain issues; so I knew it was there.

22 Q. When did you have squabbles on the street  
23 with the white officers?

24 A. It was myself and Officer Brown out on

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1 patrol, and Officer Steven Ridge, who is white;  
2 Brian Albert; and Mike Fayles.

3 Q. This took place after the Park Plaza meeting?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. How long after the Park Plaza meeting did  
6 this occur?

7 A. I don't know how long, but it did happen.

8 Q. Was it within the first -- was it a month  
9 after the Park Plaza meeting?

10 A. It could have been.

11 Q. Did you go to your commander, Lieutenant  
12 Foley, about this?

13 A. I don't know who I approached at the time,  
14 who was in charge at the time, but I did just confer  
15 with him about what had transpired.

16 Q. What did you say?

17 A. I just told him how -- you know, the  
18 situation, what had happened, and he said he would  
19 look into it.

20 Q. Can you tell me about the squabble?

21 A. It was --

22 Q. What happened?

23 A. They had stopped a minority citizen on  
24 Washington Street. I don't know -- I don't recall

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1 the individual, and the individual was very  
2 boisterous about, "Why are you guys stopping me  
3 in the middle of the street?" He was standing at  
4 the bus stop. He was like, "Why are you harassing  
5 me?"

6 Me and Officer Brown had pulled out. I  
7 believe we was coming down Washington Street and had  
8 called off and had stopped to assist.

9 Q. You stopped to assist?

10 A. The white officers, who were Officer Ridge,  
11 Brian Albert, Mike Fayles.

12 Q. What happened next?

13 A. Like I said, the individual carried on to,  
14 "Why are you harassing me? I'm not doing anything.  
15 I'm stopped at the bus stop."

16 Basically, we approached the white  
17 officer and asked him, like, "What you got? Is  
18 there any way we can be of any assistance."

19 Basically, they told us that "We could  
20 handle it. Back off. This is ours."

21 Q. Mm-hmm. Is that all you can remember about  
22 the squabble?

23 A. Well, we had words. I think it was a little  
24 bit unprofessional between us and the white officer,

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1 myself with this white officer, a squabble, and in  
2 the middle of the public like that, but I just kind  
3 of stepped away and waited until they finished and  
4 me and Officer Brown went back on patrol.

5 Q. What did the officer say to you?

6 A. Basically, "Fuck off." He told us to "Fuck  
7 off. We got this. We are handling it."

8 I assume they was handling it, but the  
9 individual was sitting there, "Why are you guys  
10 fucking harassing me? You had no fucking reason to.  
11 I'm waiting for the fucking bus stop."

12 Q. What did you say when the officers said "Fuck  
13 off"?

14 A. I believe I used profanity back at him, but  
15 after a while it came to -- I was like, well, this  
16 is totally unprofessional in front of the public.  
17 There was other people at the bus stop. I just  
18 basically backed away and told Ron, "Let's go," and  
19 got back in on patrol.

20 Q. When did you go and talk to Lieutenant Foley  
21 about the squabble?

22 A. I cannot recall if it was later on that  
23 evening when he came back to the unit, I believe, or  
24 his assignment or whatever he was doing. He

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1 received it then or that morning.  
 2 Q. Shortly thereafter?  
 3 A. Yes.  
 4 Q. When you went with Lieutenant Foley, did  
 5 Officer Ron Brown go with you? Was he with you when  
 6 you spoke to Lieutenant Foley?  
 7 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
 8 A. He might have been with me. I can't recall  
 9 at this time if he went with me.  
 10 Q. When you went and spoke with Lieutenant  
 11 Foley, you told him about the squabble that you had  
 12 with the white officers?  
 13 A. Yes.  
 14 Q. Was it at that time that you also spoke to  
 15 him about what you perceived as the white officers'  
 16 continuing racial hostility towards you?  
 17 A. Yeah. I thought they was kind of harassing  
 18 the individual. I don't believe they arrested the  
 19 individual.  
 20 MR. ROACH: She asked you about you, not  
 21 about the individual.  
 22 Q. I'm not sure you are understanding what I'm  
 23 saying. Did you talk with Lieutenant Foley at that  
 24 time about what the minority officers had told you

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1 about the continuing racial hostility of the white  
 2 officers against you?  
 3 A. I told them what had transpired there at that  
 4 scene.  
 5 Q. At that scene?  
 6 A. And I told them I believe it was because the  
 7 officers were looking at me as being an instigator  
 8 to what was happening or the racial tension that was  
 9 brought up within the unit.  
 10 Q. What did Lieutenant Foley say?  
 11 A. He said he will look into it.  
 12 Q. Did he say anything else?  
 13 A. He might have said some other things, but I  
 14 just can't remember at this time.  
 15 Q. Did you talk to Lieutenant Foley again about  
 16 what you perceived as continuing racial tension in  
 17 the Youth Violence Strike Force?  
 18 MR. ROACH: In that meeting or later?  
 19 MS. TIERNEY: At any other time after  
 20 that.  
 21 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
 22 A. I might have -- I believe I approached him on  
 23 another occasion and spoke to him about some of the  
 24 things that was still happening within the unit.

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1 Q. Things that were still happening in the unit  
 2 like what?  
 3 A. You know, I spoke to him about it was still  
 4 all minorities on the wanted board, the wanted  
 5 person board; how, you know, Sergeant Davin, when we  
 6 came in for the roll call, he actually carried most  
 7 of his assignments with white officers. With me and  
 8 Ron --  
 9 Q. This second time that you met with Lieutenant  
 10 Foley what was his response?  
 11 A. Actually, he said he would speak with  
 12 Sergeant Davin. I don't know if he spoke with him,  
 13 but that's what he said, that he will speak with  
 14 him.  
 15 Q. Did you complain to then Sergeant Davin?  
 16 A. Did I complain?  
 17 Q. Did you complain to Sergeant Davin at all?  
 18 A. No, I did not, no.  
 19 Q. Did you talk with anybody in the unit about  
 20 your conversations with Lieutenant Foley?  
 21 A. I might have spoke to Officer Brown. I  
 22 believe I spoke to Officer Brown about the  
 23 conversations that I was generating with the  
 24 supervisors in the unit.

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1 Q. With Lieutenant Foley, you mean?  
 2 A. Yes.  
 3 Q. Did you speak with anybody else about what  
 4 you perceived as the continuing racial hostility in  
 5 the Youth Violence Strike Force?  
 6 A. I might have spoke to other minority officers  
 7 within the unit, but I can't recall the officers who  
 8 I spoke to.  
 9 Q. Did you complain to any other supervisors  
 10 within the Boston Police Department about what you  
 11 perceived as the continuing racial hostility?  
 12 A. Me and Officer Brown on patrol, we also -- at  
 13 the time Deputy Supervisor Horsley, you know, we  
 14 spoke to him.  
 15 Q. What did you tell him?  
 16 A. We were just asking about certain things  
 17 happening in the unit and how if there is any other  
 18 way we can remedy the situation. I can't remember  
 19 what his responses were, but that's who I spoke to.  
 20 Q. When was this?  
 21 A. I cannot recall the date and time.  
 22 Q. Was it after the meeting at the police post?  
 23 A. Yes.  
 24 Q. Was it after your two conversations with

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1 A. Yes.  
 2 Q. Sergeant Murphy was your supervisor?  
 3 A. Yes.  
 4 Q. Why didn't you contact the other three  
 5 officers?  
 6 MR. ROACH: Objection. He just answered  
 7 that. He said they were not on duty.  
 8 A. They was not. They was off duty.  
 9 Q. That's your only reason for not contacting  
 10 them?  
 11 A. I went right to the direct supervisor that  
 12 morning, Sergeant Murphy. He was the direct  
 13 supervisor. Why would I go contact them? I went to  
 14 the direct supervisor to see what he wanted us to  
 15 do.  
 16 Q. But wasn't it these officers -- wasn't it  
 17 their case?  
 18 A. They was on a day off. This individual was  
 19 trying to leave town.  
 20 Q. Yes.  
 21 A. I went to the direct supervisor and asked him  
 22 for his direction, what did he want us to do?  
 23 Q. Did you let Sergeant Murphy know you had  
 24 worked with these three other officers?

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1 A. He knew all the particulars of the case.  
 2 Q. Did you tell him you had been working on this  
 3 case with those three other officers?  
 4 A. He knew all the particulars on the case. I  
 5 laid it out to him. These individuals were working  
 6 on the case. He knew about it, and he just said,  
 7 "We are going to the house now." It was his  
 8 decision. It wasn't our decision.  
 9 Q. But my question is, did you tell him that  
 10 these three officers were working on this case with  
 11 you?  
 12 MR. ROACH: He just answered the  
 13 question that he did.  
 14 Q. You did?  
 15 A. Yes, I did.  
 16 Q. Okay. Now, my initial question to you had to  
 17 do with the evaluation -- what you perceived as  
 18 evaluations by Sergeant Davin. What you have  
 19 identified as an evaluation, wasn't this in response  
 20 to a PAM meeting that Sergeant Davin had attended  
 21 with the command staff?  
 22 MR. ROACH: Objection.  
 23 A. Yes, I believe so.  
 24 Q. Sergeant Davin after the PAM meeting, didn't

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1 he say to the entire shift, "If anybody wants to  
 2 know what I said, come and talk to me?"  
 3 A. I don't recall him saying that. Actually, me  
 4 and Officer Brown and I believe Collander, we was  
 5 walking down the hallway about to leave the  
 6 building, and he stopped us.  
 7 Q. He stopped you in the hallway?  
 8 A. Yes.  
 9 Q. What did he say?  
 10 A. He said, "Can I speak to you?"  
 11 Q. What did he say?  
 12 A. We went right into his office and he gave me  
 13 the so-called evaluation.  
 14 Q. Did he tell you that it was in response to  
 15 the PAM meeting with the command staff?  
 16 A. That was correct.  
 17 Q. He was letting you know what he had said at  
 18 the PAM meeting about you and Officer Brown?  
 19 A. Yes.  
 20 Q. What did he say?  
 21 A. Well, he told me that we was secretive and  
 22 not team players, and I said, "What do you mean by  
 23 not being team players or being secretive?" I said,  
 24 "What kind of examples do you have?" He couldn't

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1 give me them.  
 2 Q. He didn't give you any?  
 3 A. No.  
 4 Q. How did the meeting end?  
 5 A. Basically, we conversated [sic] a little  
 6 more, and he went on to Ron about Ron was too  
 7 secretive; and I interjected and asked him, "I  
 8 thought this evaluation was based on me, but it was  
 9 more based on Ron than it was me."  
 10 Q. Davin said it was more based on Ron than you?  
 11 MR. ROACH: Objection. That's not what  
 12 he said.  
 13 MS. TIERNEY: That's what I'm asking.  
 14 A. What Sergeant Davin discussed was that we  
 15 were not secretive. I mean we were secretive.  
 16 Excuse me. And we weren't team players, but he went  
 17 more on Ron than he discussed mine. Basically, he  
 18 didn't discuss anything about me. He discussed  
 19 everything about Ron. For that reason, I  
 20 interjected and said, "Sergeant, what are you  
 21 talking about? You are basically telling me about  
 22 Ron's evaluation. What does that have to do with  
 23 me?"  
 24 He couldn't elaborate any more.

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